

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2930 without my signature.

As currently written, this bill would place a significant barrier for law enforcement to discipline its officers who violate its policies and procedures.

Specifically, this bill would provide that information received during a criminal investigation from a union representative could not be used against the offending officer in a disciplinary action even though the same information could be used to discipline an officer if it came to light through a non-criminal investigation. For example, if during a criminal investigation of an officer information surfaces from the union representative that the officer has violated significant policies of the department but do not rise to a criminal action, the chief of police, sheriff, or warden would not be able to utilize that information to discipline the officer.

By creating such a loophole in the law, the possibility increases that a select few bad actors could perpetuate a code of silence or other actions that would jeopardize law enforcement's ability to police their own. The majority of our peace officers work very hard to protect the integrity of our justice system and the citizens of California. Providing an avenue for a small minority to escape discipline in appropriate situations will disparage the entire profession.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger